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5. The Planning Commission has approved a proposal of the Government of the NCT of Delhi for an amount of Rs. 770.00 crores for up-gradation of the civic infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games and a proposal of the Government of Maharashtra for an amount of Rs. 110.00 crores for sports infrastructure for Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held in Pune.

Commonwealth Games in India

414. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the probable dates of Commonwealth Games in India;
- (b) the dates of the last Commonwealth Games held and in which country;
- (c) the expected approximate expenditure to be incurred by Government;
- (d) the number of Medals which were won by Indian players in the last Commonwealth Games; and
- (e) the efforts which are being made by his Ministry to improve performance of our country?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The XIX Commonwealth Games are scheduled to be held in Delhi from 3rd to 14th October, 2010

(b) The last Commonwealth Games were held from 15th to 26th March, 2006 at Melbourne, Australia

(c) The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has provisionally approved/recommended the proposals of the Organizing Committee for the Conduct of the Games, for an amount of Rs. 767 crores in the form of a revenue neutral budget; and, proposals of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and the All India Tennis Association (AITA) for creation of the required sports venue infrastructure for an amount of Rs. 1355 crores. The Planning Commission has, in principle, approved a proposal of the Government of NCT of Delhi for upgradation of the civic infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games, including sports venues for two events, for an amount of Rs. 770

crores; and, a proposal of the Government of Maharashtra for an amount of Rs. 110 crores for sports infrastructure for the Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008, to be held in Pune. In addition, there would be expenditure on certain other aspects such as the International Broadcasting Centre/ Main Press Centre — a Committee has been set up in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to work out the details in this regard, and some minor venues/training venues, which is in the process of being firmed up.

Separately, the Ministry of Home Affairs is in the process of firming up "the requirements for the security related arrangements for the Commonwealth Games.

(d) During the last Commonwealth Games, 2006 Indian Players won 50 Medals (22 Gold, 17 Silver and 11 Bronze).

(e) Detailed discussions are being held by the Ministry with each of the National Sports Federations concerned with the Commonwealth Games disciplines and other stakeholders such as IOA, SAI, etc., in this regard with a view to developing specific action plans.

Popularization of sports activities

415. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that youth of our country is becoming sedantic due to modern life style resulting in various diseases;

(b) the steps taken by Government to popularize sports activities among the youth both in urban and rural areas; and

(c) whether Government would launch a scheme with the aim of having healthy youth in the country?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) According to information received from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Indian Council of Medical Research, studies done world-wide have shown that increasing sedentariness in children and adolescents is associated with several ill-health effects such as overweight, obesity, hypertension, diabetes, etc. Some random surveys at certain places in India have also shown that responses from a